(2) A copy of the sub-committee's report* received from the President, Municipal Council, Changanachery, is laid on the table.

(3) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

Women Applicants with the Higher Examination Qualification and Appointments made.

267. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received during the twelve months ending Kumbham 1102, from women who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination and the number amongst them who have been appointed and also the number of women with lower qualifications who have been appointed during this period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member refers to the applications received in the Education Department, the number is 19. None of the applicants has been appointed. But 15 women with Vernacular Higher Examination qualification were appointed during the period; but those were applicants of previous years. The number of women with Vernacular School Leaving qualification who were appointed during the period specified was 84.

Instruction in Tailoring and Agriculture in the Reformatory School.

268. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received proposals from the Superintendent, Reformatory School, to do away with instruction in tailoring and agriculture to the inmates of the institution?

(2) What were the reasons for introducing the same and what are the reasons for their discontinuance at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) No. Instruction in tailoring and agriculture was introduced because it was considered that such instruction would be useful in preparing the boys for life after leaving the Reformatory School.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Teaching of Music in Primary Schools for Girls.

269. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Has the Inspectress of Schools proposed to the Government the need for appointing *bhagavatars* in Primary Girls' Schools to teach music?

(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the said proposal?

(3) If they have, will they take steps for the early revival of music-teaching in Primary Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Inspectress of Girls' Schools has made proposals to the Director of Public Instruction for the appointment of *bhagavatars* in all Primary Schools for Girls. The proposals have not yet reached the Government.

(2) and (3) In view to the answer to part (1), these do not arise.

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